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DECATUR - TEXAS

SPENCER IS POPULAR IN MR. PARRISH'S DISTRICT

SPEAKS TO LARGE CROWD IN WICHITA FALLS, AND IN SHORT TIME SPENCER CLUB FIVE HUNDRED STRONG IS ORGANIZED—YOUNG AND WILBARGER COUNTIES WILL VOTE MAJORITIES FOR FORMER WISE COUNTY CITIZEN—MONTAGUE, DENTON AND COOKE OVERWHELMINGLY FOR THEIR EX-DISTRICT JUDGE—WISE O. K.

The attack, inaugurated by a little faction in Decatur against Chas. F. Spencer has fallen flat, and the men and women of the district are rallying to the support of the man who has committed the "heinous crime" of holding office. This campaign of spite and hate, nurtured by jealousy, has been one of the most peculiar in the history of Wise county politics. Proposed "deals" with prohibitionists and anti prohibitionists have resulted in disaster to the plans of the opponents of Mr. Spencer. With seven days to play on, other amusing stunts can be looked for. Reports received Thursday afternoon from Wichita, Clay and Wilbarger counties are enough to put to sleep the opposition, but such campaigning usually stays to the finish, dying hard.

Hon. Chas. F. Spencer of Montague spoke to a crowd on Eighth street near the War Savings bank Thursday night in behalf of his candidacy for congress. This was Mr. Spencer's first speech in Wichita Falls and he was given close attention throughout.

The speech closed a busy day for Spencer here and after his speech he was told there were good prospects for his carrying Wichita county.

Judge P. A. Martin presided at the meeting. Mr. Spencer was introduced by W. F. Weldon, who told of an intimate acquaintance with the Montague county man extending over many years. He said he had known the judge as a spindle-legged boy carrying water for sixty cents a day for the hod carriers working on the Wise county courthouse at Decatur; he had seen him go into the farmers' fields and shock their wheat and he had seen him teaching school; then go into his father's law office and after twelve months' study successfully pass the bar examination and be licensed to practice law. He said he had then known his career as a lawyer and public official. Mr. Weldon paid tribute to Judge Spencer's character and ability.

Mr. Spencer spoke for more than an hour holding the closest attention of his audience throughout. He declared his position a number of the issues now before the people including taxation, railroads, immigration, homes for the homeless and others.

In beginning his speech he said that all things else were subordinate to winning the war. This was the prayer and hope of every fireside in the country, he said. "I would almost as soon doubt the existence of the Supreme Being," declared the speaker, "as to doubt the outcome of this war." He said that victory would be won when the American flag floated of the Potsdam palace and German militarism was destroyed.

He pointed to conditions prevailing in this country as constituting almost as great a menace as Germany. In one year of war, he said, the war debt has amounted to 22 billion dollars; if the war lasted two more years, he said, it had been estimated that this would amount to more than fifty billions, or practically one half of all the property value in this country. The problem of the distribution of this debt so as to result in the least possible harm, he said, was one of the most important before the country. He said that the burden ought to be distributed so that every man paid his part, from the millionaire to the poor widow. He said that he was in favor, first of a law reaching out and taking from the gigantic profits of the big corporations some of the excessive profits they had wrung from the people. He said these corporations should not be permitted to fix prices on the necessities of life far beyond

FERGUSON TALKS TO LARGE CROWD

EX-GOVERNOR STATES HE WILL PUT ONLY FRIENDS ON GUARD WHEN HE RETURNS TO AUSTIN—FAILS TO STATE WHERE HE GOT \$156,000—REFERS TO APPOINTING STEVE LILLARD CAPTAIN IN ARMY, COMPLAINING DECATUR BOY—TOM CAMPBELL AND COLQUITT SEVERELY CRITICISED BY FERGUSON AND SENATOR HANGER

The largest crowd that has ever been known to gather in the courthouse greeted James E. Ferguson, ex-governor of Texas and candidate for the democratic nomination to succeed Gov. Wm. P. Hobby last Tuesday afternoon when he spoke in the district courtroom. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Hanger of Ft. Worth, arrived here just before noon, being met at the station by more than one hundred persons. They were guests at lunch of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gibbon, being taken to the Gibbon home in West Decatur by J. Warren Lillard, cashier of the City National bank, his car flying a huge United States flag. Mr. Hanger was introduced by R. H. Beall, one of the best known farmers living in the Sweetwater community, and Mr. Ferguson was introduced by Mrs. P. L. Jones of this city, who hailed him as "the next governor of Texas."

Mr. Wes Ashlock was chairman of the meeting. Mr. Hanger, who defended Mr. Ferguson during the impeachment proceedings in Austin, spoke for about thirty minutes. He said there should be an intelligent appeal from the "crooked politicians and kangaroo legislature to the people of the state." He said Ferguson had done no wrong and had made the state one of its greatest governors. He accused Gov. Hobby with borrowing \$16,000 from the brewers, and stated that Hobby's crime was greater than Ferguson's. Campbell and Colquitt were soundly "spanked" by Senator Hanger. The present management of the state university was severely criticised. In introducing Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Jones said he should be sent back to the governor's office, characterizing as slanderous the spirit of the opposition. She said she was on the side of right against might.

In thanking his audience for attending, Mr. Ferguson said that whereas he entered politics four years ago practically unknown "I am now the most talked-of man in the United States." He denounced the university and said there were now six millionaires and two brewers on the board of regents. The university crowd wanted to rule the state he said. He defended himself on disloyalty charges, challenging Hobby to make affidavit to any disloyalty. "I am just as loyal as any political preacher who tries to drive his congregation to vote against me," stated the speaker.

Mr. Ferguson referred to the fact that he had given Steve A. Lillard Jr. of this city a commission in the national army, and stated that Mr. Lillard had made a good soldier. Referring to French Spencer, Wise county's representative during the impeachment trial Mr. Ferguson said French was a member of the "smelling committee." When this remark was made a number in the audience shouted "Hurrah for Spencer," which demonstration did not please the ex-governor.

Mr. Ferguson was frequently applauded, the hand-clapping being lead by Col. Heck Miller.

After the speaking here, a committee from Chico accompanied the Ferguson party to that town, where speeches were made to a large crowd.

the abilities of the people to pay.

He cited statistics showing war profits by the sugar trust, the shoe manufacturers, the packing industry and the steel, and declared that the people were being made commercial slaves to the big industries. He said that he favored an income tax, but this was of no real benefit in reaching the excess profits of the big corporations. He declared for a heavy excess profits tax that would take the

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burden of the war taxes off the masses of the people or would compel the corporations to forego their excessive profits in which the people would be able to pay the taxes themselves.

As to immigration he said that he was in favor of a law absolutely prohibiting Austrians and Germans from coming to this country so long as a military rule prevailed in those countries. In discussing this matter he asked before drawing his own conclusion: "What are you going to do with them?" A voice from the audience said "Send 'em to hell."

The speaker said that in the beginning of his campaign when the control of the railroads had just been taken over by the government that the results of the experiment ought to be learned before any decision as to a permanent policy was reached. He said he believed that the experiment had now gone far enough and had proven so satisfactory that he was warranted in declaring for permanent government ownership and control of the railroads of this country.

He declared that the farm loan law was good so far as it went, but that it was inadequate and he favored mending the law so as to permit

loans to the amount of eighty per cent of the value of the land instead of fifty per cent.

He closed with a brief sketch of his own career. Applause greeted Mr. Spencer's points.—Wichita Falls Daily Times.

At the close of the speaking a committee circulated a petition endorsing Mr. Spencer's candidacy, and in a short time a "Spencer Club" was organized with a membership of over 500. A large and enthusiastic crowd greeted Judge Spencer at Henrietta, and Vernon turned out a cheering crowd.

WISE COUNTY CANDIDATES BEGAN SPEAKING JULY 10th

Following are the dates and places for the candidates to speak in their final rounds of the county.

Boonsville, Friday, July 19, 9 p.m.
Paradise, Saturday, July 20, 9 p.m.
Cottontdale, Monday, July 22, 9 p.m.

Boyd, Tuesday, July 23, 9 p.m.
Newark, Wednesday, July 24, 9 p.m.
Rhome, Thursday, July 25, 9 p.m.
Decatur, Friday, July 26, 9 p.m.

Mrs. S. F. Watkins visited her daughter, Mrs. Duck, at Park Springs this week.

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SOLDIERS LEAVE JULY 25

MARTIN NELSON KILLED THURSDAY

Following men are called to re-enlist on Thursday, July 25, for Camp Travis:

B. Thompson, Boyd.
L. Newton, Decatur.
S. Watson, Chico.
R. Millhollon, Chico.
E. Wheelis, Alvord.
Caddell, Decatur.
McDowell, Kellar.
Early, Boyd.
Clark, Decatur.
Perkins, Alvord.
Smith, Decatur.
Jones, Paradise.
Gillins, Bridgeport.
Nousseau, Boonsville.
Harder, Decatur.
S. Johnson, Alvord.
Riley, Alvord.
W. Green, Vineyard.
Young, Decatur.
D. Fite, Alvord.
Oates, Rhome.
Drumgoale, Sunset.
McDonald, Alvord.
M. Praytor, Alvord.
Hayes, Bridgeport.
Blackwell, Boyd.
A. Sowe, Springtown.
T. Pruett, Slidell.
A. Keown, Greenwood.
E. Mercer, Boyd.
Thomas Johnson, Alvord.
Richardson, Norman, Okla.
Loren North, Decatur.
Lisenby, Chico.
Haygood, Boyd.
William Walker, Decatur.
Sipe, Chico.
W. Smith, Alvord.
Maughan, Paradise.
Stone, Bridgeport.
Wright, Forrestburg.
Franz, Bridgeport.
J. Hames, Paradise.
A. Lowe, Sunset.
A. Eudaley, Chico.
Newton Ward, Boyd.
Sadney Sanders, Alvord.
Beeson, Paradise.
M. Counts, Dalhart.
Lederer, Alvord.
C. Vance, Paradise.
Lindsey, Bridgeport.
P. Neal, Decatur.
O. Smith, Justin.
Jacob Wilford, Poolville.
Jefferson Price, Decatur.
D. B. Shipley, Chico.
O. Lorentz, Krum.
Joseph Gilmore, Turkey.
Carl W. Griffith, Decatur.
George Pruett, Slidell.
Claude Bowman, Alvord.
William Grissom, Alvord.
Hale Belew, Decatur.
Sam Powers, Paradise.
Sam Lowery, Chico.
Tom L. Patterson, Decatur.
William Henry, Chico.
Arthur Callahan, Alvord.
Harrell M. Ely, Slidell.
Willie W. Banks, Paradise.
Albert Livingood, Paradise.
Virgil Hammock, Chico.
William E. Price, Sunset.
Will J. Perrin, Decatur.
James F. Swain, Alvord.
James A. Whittaker, Alvord.
Thos. A. Keown, Greenwood.
Walter S. Morris, Chico.
Forest S. Wiley, Alvord.
Clifford M. Parish, Bridgeport.
Jack Adams, Decatur.
Hulet T. Mann, Decatur.
Everett Lindsey, Bridgeport.
Clayton Prindle, Paradise.
James A. Conpton, Decatur.
Joshua Whittaker, Alvord.

There were 242 of the boys coming of age, 54 of whom were married.

There were about 30 of the newly married old registrants, reclassified and placed in class one.

TO VOTERS OF WISE COUNTY

In announcing myself as a candidate for Treasurer of Wise County, I wish to say that I have tried to meet all the voters, especially the ladies. Now as the campaign is nearing a close and having failed to meet many, I hope to reach you with this little ad.

I am one of the pioneers of Wise County, having been raised here and shared my part in paving the way for our present status of our "Sunny Southland." Having lost my health in early life, have not been able to accumulate anything above a living. I have only one son, who is my only reliance for help, is now gone to fight for the freedom for you and for me.

Now I ask you voters of Wise County to consider me from the viewpoint of equity and justice and cast your vote for me that I may build up a little home in the Saturday evening of life.

Respectfully,
T. M. BARNETT.
(Political Adv.)

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NOTICE TO PREC. CHAIRMEN.

All precinct chairmen are hereby notified to hold the precinct convention at 2 o'clock on election day. The voters are urged to attend these conventions. T. J. DILLEHAY, County Chairman.

Martin Nelson of Bridgeport, was almost instantly killed Thursday morning near Chico, when he was run over by a loaded truck. The boy fell to the ground and soon after the truck struck him he died, before medical aid could be summoned. The accident occurred about two miles south of Chico. Young Martin was about 16 years of age, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nelson of Bridgeport.

PROF. A. L. MADDOX.

Prof. Albert L. Maddux was raised in joining community to this one, and we who have known him for twenty five years feel it our duty to him to tell the people of this county of his worthiness and ability to serve Wise county as a county superintendent.

He aspired to a life of usefulness under very difficult circumstances, having to make his way by the toil of his own hands. He continued in this way until he finally succeeded and he is now one of our best teachers. We can assure you the best and kindest treatment from him if he is elected to the office of county superintendent. If there is a spot on his character we have failed to find it in twenty-five or thirty years that we have known him. Our interest is quickened toward him from the fact that he has had the care of six motherless children for the last ten months and his opportunity to meet the people has not been very good. We now thank you in advance for any favor that you may show him in the coming election, and assure you that you will never regret his having served you as supervisor of the public schools of Wise county.

J. L. FITZGERALD,
HENRY FITZGERALD,
V. G. HOCHINS,
R. B. BANKS,
W. J. (BIL) MANN,
W. M. HEFLEY,
J. E. SIMPSON,
G. W. CRAWFORD,
W. E. COMBS,
W. O. STEVENS,
J. G. STEVENS,
GEORGE STEVENSON,
W. E. LIVINGOOD,
J. T. MORTON.
(Political Adv.)

HIRAM MONROE HELM AND MISS WINNIE HOLT WED

Mr. Hiram Monroe Helm, one of the most prominent young men of this city, and Miss Winnie Holt, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holt, were married in the First Methodist church Thursday evening at 9 o'clock. Revs. Ward and Moreland officiating. A large number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties attended the wedding, after which the happy couple left for Dallas, where the groom will finish his course in S. M. C. These splendid young people have a host of friends in this community, who join the Messenger in wishing them a long and happily married life. Upon their return from Dallas Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Monroe will be at home with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Helm, parents of the groom, on South Trinity. Numerous beautiful and useful presents were received by the happy couple.

Lieut. Erwin McCarter and wife of Call Field at Wichita Falls, were in the city this week visiting relatives.

UNITED STATES SOLDIERS ARE WHIPPING THE GERMANS

Late reports from the battlefield in France are to the effect that our soldiers are pounding the Huns. It is reported that our army has captured and killed more than one thousand of the Germans during the last three days. France and England are wild over the manner the American soldiers fight, and two generals of our army have been given distinguished service medals. Hundreds of the enlisted men have been recognized with medals. The supreme drive of the Germans is now on, and it is the opinion of the world's greatest military experts that this effort of the enemy is the beginning of the end of the bloody conflict. The onslaughts of the Germans, made in solid formation, is being met with a deadly fire, and thousands of the Kaiser's men are being slaughtered. The American forces, estimated to number more than half million, are in front of the German army that has for its objective the city of Paris. This position is the most important on the whole battle line, and the fact that the United States soldiers have been given that post is splendid recognition of our boys' fighting qualities. As the Messenger goes to press, this Thursday eve, the following telegram has been received:

"Thousands of Germans captured; French regain ground; Americans gain four miles through German lines. Last heard of American soldiers they were headed for Berlin."

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 76c.

SYRUP TO SAVE THE SUGAR.

Corn syrup or other syrup can be used to sweeten cakes, loaves, desserts of all kinds, to make pudding sauces, and for canning and preserving. In canning and preserving fruits, one-third by weight of the original amount of sugar used can be replaced by syrup. Here are some recipes suggested by the United States Food Administration.

SPICE CAKE

With part of the sugar replaced by corn syrup.

1/2 cup fat
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 cup syrup
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon ginger
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1/2 teaspoon allspice
3/4 cups barley flour
1 cup raisins

Cream the fat, sugar and egg yolks. Add the syrup, milk and vanilla and mix well. Add alternately the liquid and the dry ingredients sifted together. Add the flavoring and fold in the well-beaten egg whites. Lastly, add the raisins. Bake for one hour in a moderate oven.

PINEAPPLE SHERBET.

1 cup corn syrup
2 cups boiling water
1 cup grated pineapple
Juice of 1 lemon
White of 1 egg

Combine the ingredients with the exception of the egg white. Cool the mixture and freeze it. Add the beaten egg white just before the freezing is completed.

EGG FLIP.

1 egg
2 tablespoons corn syrup
1/2 cup milk
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
Salt

Add the corn syrup to the egg and beat the mixture with an egg beater until it is light. Add the milk and the flavoring. Stir the mixture thoroughly and serve it ice cold.

"MOTHER FRIES IT IN A PAN."

Remember the little rhyme about the fish in the brook? Catching fish is real war work. Eating it instead of meat is patriotism. The United States Food Administration submits these menus to give you some ideas.

1.

Halibut with Mexican Sauce
Belgian Baked Potatoes
Spinach
Corn Bread
Jellied Peaches with Rice

2.

Fish Pilaf with Spanish Sauce
Fried Green Tomatoes
Tapioca Pudding

3.

Jellied Salmon Loaf with Nigoy Sauce
Cabbage and Green Pepper Salad
Blackberry Pudding

HALIBUT WITH MEXICAN SAUCE.

6 slices halibut
2 tablespoons corn flour
2 tablespoons salt
2 tablespoons fat
1 1/2 cups water
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Dredge halibut with flour and salt. Melt fat in baking dish and brown slices of halibut on top of the stove. Pour water and Worcestershire over fish and bake in a moderate oven 35 minutes. Then pour Mexican sauce over fish, bake 15 minutes and serve.

Mexican Sauce.

2 cups tomatoes
1 tablespoon grated onion
2 tablespoons corn flour
2 teaspoons salt
1 cup cold water
1 chopped green or red pepper

Bring tomatoes and onion to boiling point. Mix flour and salt with cold water and add to tomatoes, stirring constantly. Add pepper and pour over fish.

FISH PILAF WITH SPANISH SAUCE.

1 cup rice
2 quarts boiling water
2 teaspoons salt
1 cup cooked fish
1 cup fine wheatless bread crumbs
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup rice stock
1 teaspoon pepper

Cook the rice in boiling salted water until thoroughly done. Drain, reserving the rice stock. Line a greased baking dish with part of the rice. Mix the fish, crumbs, Worcestershire sauce, pepper and rice stock and pack into center of dish. Cover with remainder of rice, packing it down to make a firm mold. Tie a paper over the top. Set in a steamer or on several thicknesses of paper in a pan of boiling water and steam for 30 minutes. Serve with Spanish sauce.

Spanish Sauce.

2 tablespoons fat
3 tablespoons corn flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 cup sieved tomatoes
1/2 cup cold water
1 tablespoon chopped onion
1 tablespoon chopped pimiento

Melt fat, add flour, salt and pepper. Remove from fire, add tomato and water, return to fire and bring to the boiling point, stirring constantly; add onion and pimiento. Turn mold of fish on a platter pour sauce around it.

Commencing Thursday, July 25

At The Majestic

The ALLIES'

Official War Review

A 1-REEL WEEKLY FEATURE

Issued by George Creel, chairman of the Committee on Public Information and shown without extra cost. The money the Majestic pays for the feature goes to the U. S. Government to carry on War Work.

In addition to U. S. Official war pictures, this reel will contain British, French, Italian Scenes of war activity at the front.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

The state of Texas, county of Wise. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 20th. day of July, 1918, at the school house, in Common School District No. 31 of his county as established by order of the Commissioners' court of his county, of date the day of month, 1918, which is recorded in book pages of the minutes of said court, to determine whether a majority of legally qualified property taxpayers of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the state school fund apportioned to said district, and to determine whether the Commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 21st. day of June, 1918, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 21st. day of June, 1918.
J. Lee Mann, Sheriff of Wise county, Texas. By E. A. Preskitt, Deputy.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

The state of Texas, county of Wise. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 10 day of August, 1918, at the school house, in common school district No. 63 of this county, as established by order of the Commissioners' court of this date, the 14th. day of June, 1918, which is recorded in book one, pages 119, of the minutes of said court of school records to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district, and to determine whether the Commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 15th. day of July, 1918. Dated the 15th. day of July, 1918.
J. Lee Mann, Sheriff of Wise county, Texas. By E. A. Preskitt, Deputy.

SCHOOL NOTICE

All parties desiring to transfer their children to Decatur Independent district should do so by the first of August. Some may have children in adjoining districts who have finished the seventh grade and the eighth grade will not be taught in that particular district another year. If such be the case these children should be transferred before the first of August, else they will have to pay tuitions at the regular rate should they come to Decatur Public School. Get transfer slips at the Decatur Drug Co.—C. W. MURPHREE, Superintendent of D. H. S.

Remember to bring in circle eggs on Wednesday and Saturday and not later than 3 o'clock. All circle eggs must be strictly infertile. Our candler is finding some stamped eggs that are fertile. We are under contract to stamp fertile eggs. Your early spring roosters and even large broilers are causing this trouble. Please separate them from laying hens, wait two weeks and begin to stamp your eggs again.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

The state of Texas, county of Wise. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 20th. day of July, 1918, at the school house, in common school district No. 71 of this county as established by order of the county board of trustees of the county, of date the 16th. day of March, 1918, which is recorded in book 1, pages 173 and 174 of the minutes of said county board of trustees to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpayers voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the state school fund apportioned to said district, and to determine whether the commissioners court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county, and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 18th. day of June, 1918, and this notice is given in pursuance of the order.

Dated the 21st. day of June, 1918.
J. Lee Mann, Sheriff of Wise county, Texas. By E. A. Preskitt, Deputy.

CHAIRMAN BALL ISSUES CALL TO COUNTY REPUBLICANS

By the authority of the chairman of the executive committee of the republican executive committee of the state of Texas, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law as chairman of the republican executive committee of Wise county, Texas, there is hereby called a precinct primary convention to be held in each and every voting box in Wise county, Texas on July 27, 1918, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention to be held in Decatur, Texas, at 2 p. m., August 3, 1918. Precinct conventions shall vote for a county chairman and certify their vote to the county clerk of Wise county before August 3. A precinct chairman shall be elected for each voting precinct by said voters of the voting precinct and the executive committee is called to meet at Decatur on said August 3, 1918, at 10 o'clock, a. m. This notice given this July 16th, 1918.
T. L. BALL, County Chm.

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C. B. GUNN, Special Agent.

D. J. Moss writes that he will visit here in a few days.

Mrs. J. H. Cates entertained Wednesday afternoon, complimentary to Mrs. D. J. Moss of Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Man of Hillsboro, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Man.

Miss Ollie Owen, who is visiting in Ft. Worth, while riding in an auto yesterday afternoon, was injured when a street car struck the auto.

Address of Miss Annie Blanton

Candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted Miss Annie Webb Blanton of Denton, candidate for state superintendent of public instruction, in the district court room Saturday afternoon. Miss Blanton received a splendid ovation, impressing her large audience as being splendidly qualified for the position she seeks.

Miss Blanton stated that the women of Texas had been given the ballot for two reasons: to replace the loyal voters now in the army and because of the ability of the women in war work. She emphasized the duty of every woman to take the place at the ballot box of the Texas boys who are fighting the battle of Democracy in Europe.

Taking up her own candidacy, she stated that she had been selected as candidate for this office, not merely because she was a woman, but because those who proposed her considered her capable of filling the position. She declared that women are serving as State Superintendents of Public Instruction in five states of the Union and cited notable instances of their success in executive positions. She based her candidacy first on her qualifications for office, stating that she had taught in city and country schools, high schools and college, and that from her experience in country school, and from her work in the North Texas State Normal College, in which she had been intimately associated with country boys and girls and with country teachers, she had a thorough knowledge of the country school problem and that her best efforts should be directed to the improvement of educational advantages of the country boy and girl. She expressed her appreciation of the advantage to the country child of the Special Million Dollar Appropriation for country schools and stated that she favored not only this, but such other state aid as would place a good education within reach of every child of Texas.

Discussing the problem of the exodus of teachers from the schools, she stated that this is due largely to the lack of a living wage, a deficiency made more notable by the increase of the cost of living. She expressed her purpose, if elected, to serve impartially and work for a fair apportionment of this Million Dollar Fund. Repeating a statement of Mr. Doughty's that he desired to keep the public schools out of the mire of politics, she declared that the schools of Texas are already in the mire of politics and what they need is an honest fair-minded woman in the office to pull them out. Stating that Mr. Doughty had declared himself in favor of democracy in education, she declared that in these five years of office, he had neglected any opportunity to carry out this principle, showing that in the apportionment of the special favors, the women teachers had been ignored until the coming of suffrage. She declared that she based her candidacy also on the desirability of a change of State Superintendent. At this time Mr. Doughty has served five years and is asking for his third elective term. She mentioned the fact that Mr. Doughty refused to debate with her, but was conducting a secret fight. Taking up circumstances of her having entered the race for the office of State Superintendent, she explained that, when called upon to become a candidate, she had been informed that Mr. Doughty was in league with Ferguson and the brewery interests; that she had gone to Mr. Doughty and requested him to make a public statement that he was against Ferguson and his politics, which he declined to do, stating that he was preferred to remain "nonpartisan." Mr. Blanton then read a letter from the record of the Sulphur Springs case showing how the breweries regarded Mr. Doughty, and asked her audience if they thought the letters sounded merely like a reply to a circular letter.

Taking up the Ferguson issue, she stated that the people of Texas could not endorse Ferguson without saying to the rest of the world that they endorsed the official acts for which the Governor was impeached and convicted, adding that such an action would also approve of the principle that any governor might at his pleasure, interfere in the affairs of any school of the State, a principle affecting every state school. She declared that every state teacher had a right to the justice of the combined judgement of men constituting the governing board, a right as important to teachers as the right of trial by jury to any citizen of the state and that the state superintendent should not be too weak or politic to defend the rights of any schools of the entire system of the state. Declaring herself for free text books,

She took up the workings of the text book companies and showed how book companies become a part of the political machine, stating that the people of Texas should ask themselves why certain agents of text book companies were going about the state opposing her election and favoring Mr. Doughty. She further explained why she considers herself ineligible to serve on the state book board, because she is the author of several text books and the law makes any person connected with a text book or with a book company ineligible to serve on the text book board. She showed conclusively that this in no way disqualified her to serve as state Superintendent, as the law provides that any such contingency the Governor shall fill the vacancy on the text book board. She asserted that the same situation occurred in 1903, when Mr. Lefevre was state superintendent and that the governor appointed a substitute to serve on the text book board, without resulting to school interests. She declared that no book of hers had been offered for adoption during the time of her incumbency in office; but that she could not serve on the board for the reason that it might be supposed that she would favor the book company which publishes her own books.

She declared her purpose, if elected, to try to separate the state department of education from every form of politics. Proceeding to take up other ramifications of what she called the "Teachers' Machine," and showing that the summer normal examinations board, some county superintendents, some employees in the state department of education, and some other school men of the state, formed part of this machine. She showed the effects in the working of this machine as regards the rural school fund, asserting that now, for the first time, schools were being called upon to make application for this aid before the primary election, possibly in the hope that counties desiring a large part of this fund might support the candidate in power.

DECATUR BOY BACK AFTER TWO MONTHS IN FRANCE

The following letter is from Ennis Jeffries of this city, now with the U. S. navy:

Norfolk, Va., July 14, 1918.
Dear Papa:—I am now back in the United States, having just come back from France, where we have been the past two months. We had a very pleasant trip across. We dodged the subs and fought subs, but got there safe. Had some very exciting times, believe me, and I certainly have had some real touch of warfare. Poor France is the nation that is suffering now. We were in one of the largest cities in France. The whole nation is in uniform and the women are taking the places of men in all of life's work. Eighty per cent of the women go to Paris, as at that time the city was under fire and no trains allowed, but we went to where we could hear the roar of the artillery. I visited an old French chateau, an old building made 900 years before Christ. I guess every thing is war in Texas, but it is real war here. U. S. troops are arriving in France daily by the thousands. 70,000 American troops were landed in one day while we were over there. I am sending you some souvenirs which I bought in France. Your son, ENNIS.

GIVE THE WISE COUNTY BOY A CHANCE SATURDAY, JULY 27

Gordon Rogers, candidate for the office of county superintendent, has worked his way through college and the State university, and prepared himself for the office which he now asks you to give him. He is a broad and educated man who has the backbone to stand up and fight for the very best to be had in the education of your children. He has ever been with the forces that make for righteousness and always stands for the right. He has thoroughly prepared your support for the work, and now solicits your vote and asks you to give him the power for the good and upbuilding of the schools of Wise county. (Political Adv.)

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

The State of Texas, County of Wise.—Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 30th day of July, 1918, at the school house in common school district No. 77 of this county as established by order of the commissioners' court of this county, of date the _____ day of _____, which is recorded in Book _____, pages _____ of the minutes of said court, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpayers of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the state school fund apportioned to said district, and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 3rd day of July, 1918, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 5th day of July, 1918.
J. LEE MANN, Sheriff Wise county, Texas. By E. A. Preskitt, Dep.

Buy War Stamps—TAKING OF TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL CASES.

House Joint Resolution No. 2.—To amend Section 10, Article 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for certain rights of accused persons in criminal prosecutions, and the manner in which the case may be prosecuted, and providing for the procuring of the testimony of the witnesses for both defense and prosecution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section (10) of Article (1) of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended that the same will read and hereafter be as follows:

Sec. (10). In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have a speedy public trial by an impartial jury. He shall have the right to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him, and to have a copy thereof. He shall not be compelled to give evidence against himself and shall have the right of being heard by himself or council, or both, shall be confronted by the witnesses against him and shall have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, except that when the witness resides out of the State and the offense charged is a violation of any of the anti-trust laws of this State, the defendant and the State shall have the right to produce and have the evidence admitted by deposition, under such rules and laws as the Legislature may hereafter provide; and no person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense, unless on an indictment of a grand jury, except in cases in which the punishment is by fine or imprisonment, otherwise than in the penitentiary, in cases of impeachment and in cases arising in the army or navy, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of this State at the next general election for State and county officers.

Sec. 3. The qualified electors for members of the Legislature shall vote upon said amendment at the said general election and at which election all persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot the following: "For amendment to Section 10, Article 1 of the Constitution, providing for prosecution of criminal cases by information, or indictment, and taking of testimony of witnesses by deposition, under certain circumstances," and those opposed to such amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "Against the amendment to Section 10, Article 1 of the Constitution."

Sec. 4. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the State Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of publishing, proclamation, and election.

(Note.—H. J. R. No. 2 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, year 123, nays 4; and passed the senate with amendments, by a two-thirds vote, yeas 21, nays 4; and the House concurred in Senate amendment by a two-thirds vote, yeas 123, nays 0.)
Approved March 10, 1917.
(A true copy.) C. D. MIMS,
Acting Secretary of State.

Buy War Stamps—
Pearl White will be at the Majestic Saturday.

SPECIAL TAX FOR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND FURNISHING FREE TEXT BOOKS.

House Joint Resolution No. 27.—Proposing an amendment to Art. 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by changing Sec. 3, providing for a thirty-five cent tax levy for the maintenance of the public schools of Texas, and providing free text books in public schools of the State of Texas, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution, be so changed as to read as follows (creating a new Section 3):

Sec. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every male inhabitant of this State, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and, in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollar valuation, as, with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax, to provide free text books for the use of children attending public free schools of this State; provided, however that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient, the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts, and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such district, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided that a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1918, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for the levy of a special school tax for the maintenance of the public schools of the State and to provide free text books in the public schools of the State of Texas" and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for the levy of a special tax for the maintenance of the public schools of the State, and to provide free text books in the public schools of the State of Texas."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

(Note.—H. J. R. No. 27 passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas 108, nays 22; and passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote, yeas 23, nays 4.)
Approved March 19, 1917.
(A true copy.) C. D. MIMS,
Acting Secretary of State.

See Pearl White in "The House of Hate" beginning at the Majestic Saturday afternoon and night.

Mr. Farmer

You who believe in using all the labor-saving implements and machinery, come in and see our

Western Electric Light & Power Plant

for farm homes and stores not in reach of central station electric service. This little plant on your place your will be relieved of all such drudgery as churning, separating the cream, milking by hand, carrying water, sweeping, etc. The entire family can enjoy a soft steady light all over the house and barn, and it's the safest light in the world, too. Come in and see this wonderful little plant.

BUY THINGS ELECTRICAL FROM THE HOME ELECTRICAL MAN

Decatur Light & Water Co.

When You Feel Bad

Stomach and Bowels out of order, appetite poor and general disinclination for work,

HERBINE

Is the Remedy You Need

It creates energy by cleansing the system of bilious impurities and restoring activity in the torpid liver. Take a dose when you go to bed. You will feel bright and vigorous next morning. It's a fine purifying and regulating medicine. Price 50 cents.

JAS. F. GALLARD, Proprietor

ST. LOUIS, MO.

For Sale by MAN & SIMMONS, Decatur, Tex.

Buy War Stamps—It's your opportunity.

D. H. Payne

DENTIST

Office in The Masonic Building

Women!

Here is a message to suffering women, from Mrs. W. T. Price, of Public, Ky.: "I suffered with painful... she writes, 'I got down with a weakness in my back and limbs... I felt helpless and discouraged... I had about given up hopes of ever being well again, when a friend insisted I

Take

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

I began Cardui. In a short while I saw a marked difference... I grew stronger right along, and it cured me. I am stouter than I have been in years. If you suffer, you can appreciate what it means to be strong and well. Thousands of women give Cardui the credit for their good health. It should help you. Try Cardui. At all druggists. E-73

Buy War Stamps

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SHERIFF'S SALE—TAX SUITS

The state of Texas, county of Wise. By virtue of an order of sale for delinquent taxes, issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 27th day of May, A. D. 1918 by W. V. Cunningham clerk thereof, in the case of the city of Decatur versus unknown owners No. 1554, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, within the hour prescribed by law for sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in August, A. D. 1918, it being the 6th day of said month at the court house door of said Wise county, in the city of Decatur, the following described land situated in Wise county, Texas, to-wit: block No. 15, lots four and five, the Devereux addition to the city of Decatur, Texas, said property being levied on as the property of unknown owners to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$14.38 in favor of the city of Decatur with interests and costs of suit. Given under my hand, this 29th day of June, A. D. 1918.
J. LEE MANN, Sheriff of Wise county, Texas. By E. A. Preskitt, Deputy.

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The state of Texas, county of Wise. By virtue of an order of sale for delinquent taxes, issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 27th day of May, A. D. 1918 by W. V. Cunningham clerk thereof, in the case of the city of Decatur versus unknown owners No. 1552, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand within the hours prescribed for Sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in August, A. D. 1918, it being the 6th day of said month at the court house door of said Wise county, in the city of Decatur, the following described land situated in Wise county, Texas, to-wit: block No. 79, south Decatur addition to the town of Decatur, Texas, said property being levied upon as the property of unknown owners to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$28.55, in favor of the city of Decatur, with interests and costs of suits. Given under my hand, this 29th day of June, A. D. 1918.
J. LEE MANN, Sheriff of Wise county, Texas. By E. A. Preskitt, Deputy.

Rheumatism Arrested

If you suffer with lame muscles or stiffened joints look out for impurities in the blood, because each attack gets more acute and stubborn. To arrest rheumatism you must improve your general health and purify your blood; the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is Nature's great blood-maker while it also strengthens the organs to expel the impurities. Scott's is helping thousands who could not get other relief.

DECATUR STORE

The big sale Decatur people watch
and wait for, begins

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Perkins-Timberlake Co.

ASSOCIATED STORES

DECATUR STORE

The big sale Decatur people watch
and wait for, begins

SATURDAY, JULY 20

BIG JULY CLEARANCE SALE

Beginning Saturday, July 20th, --- Continuing Two Weeks

A Mighty Mid-Summer Merchandise Movement that Will Eclipse Any Other Like Event in all the History of Wise County
A Distribution of Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Seasonable and Staple Merchandise at Prices Lower than we Can Replace Most of it Owing to the Fast Advancing Prices

Spring Coat Suits at Big Reductions

High grade Suits and Good Styles for Fall Wear, at less than half the price you'll have to pay then for the same grade Suits.



\$25.00 Suits reduced to	\$16.67
\$35.00 Suits reduced to	\$23.34
\$39.50 Suits reduced to	\$26.34
\$45.00 Suits reduced to	\$30.00

Clearing Out Wash Skirts

\$1.50 Wash Skirts reduced to	\$1.19
\$2.00 Wash Skirts reduced to	\$1.45
\$2.50 Wash Skirts reduced to	\$1.85
\$3.00 Wash Skirts reduced to	\$2.25
\$3.50 Wash Skirts reduced to	\$2.85
\$5.00 Wash Skirts reduced to	\$3.95

SILK AND SERGE SKIRTS REDUCED

\$5.00 Serge Skirts reduced to	\$4.25
\$6.00 Serge Skirts reduced to	\$4.95
\$7.50 Serge Skirts reduced to	\$6.45
\$8.50 Serge Skirts reduced to	\$7.45
\$10.00 Serge Skirts reduced to	\$7.75
\$10.00 Silk Skirts reduced to	\$7.75

25c Dress Gingham for 19c

The kind you have been paying 25c a yard for and the kind you will pay 35c a yard for in the fall. You had better supply yourself now. 25 pieces in the lot.

Clearing Out House Dresses

Kimonas, Silk Petticoats and Muslin Underwear at big reductions.

Clearing Out White Goods

20 cent Lawn, Dimity and Nainsook	17c
25 cent Lawn, Dimity and Nainsook	22c
35 cent Lawn, Dimity and Nainsook	29c
40 cent Lawn, Dimity and Nainsook	33c
50 cent Lawn, Dimity and Nainsook	43c
35 cent Flaxon and Bastiste	29c
50 cent Flaxon, Bastiste and Organdie	43c
40 cent Dress Linen, 36 inches wide	33c
75 cent Dress Linen, 36 inches wide	59c
\$1.00 Dress Linen, 36 inches wide	79c

Children's Gingham Dresses

In this department you will find something like 300 patterns to select from. These dresses we bought early in the season. You can buy a dress now from us for less than the gingham would cost to make them. Sizes 2 to 20 years.

\$5.00 Dresses, on sale at	\$3.65
\$3.95 Dresses on sale at	\$2.95
\$2.95 Dresses on sale at	\$1.95
\$1.95 Dresses on sale at	\$1.50
\$1.65 and \$1.75 Dresses on sale at	\$1.15
50 cent Dresses on sale at	42c

25c 36-inch Percale for 19c

About 30 pieces of the best grade 36 inch percales, regular price 25c, but you will have to pay 35c for the same quality in the fall. Supply yourself now at 19c.

Many beautiful SILK PARASOLS go in this sale at half price.

Table Linens & towels

75 cent Table Linen for	63c
\$1.00 72 inch Table Linen for	85c
\$1.25, 72 inch Table Linen for	98c
\$1.50, 72 inch Table Linen for	\$1.22

Tennis Oxfords

FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

\$1.25 Men's and Women's Tennis Oxfords	98c
\$1.50 Men's and Women's Tennis Oxfords	\$1.15
75 cent Children's Tennis Oxfords for	49c
\$1.00 Children's Tennis Oxfords for	78c
\$1.25 Men's and Women's Tennis Oxfords for	85c
\$1.50 Men's and Women's Tennis Oxfords for	\$1.15
75 cent Children's Tennis Oxfords for	49c
90 cent Children's Tennis Oxfords for	78c
\$1.00 Children's Tennis Oxfords for	85c

White Canvas Shoes

\$2.50 Men's Canvas Oxfords for	\$1.95
\$2.50 Ladies' Canvas Slippers for	\$1.95
\$2.50 Misses Canvas Slippers for	\$1.95

With largely increased stocks and varieties made necessary by our constantly increasing business, this sale will be of more importance to the people of this city and surrounding territory from an economic viewpoint than any like event that has ever been staged in Decatur. In view of the constantly advancing prices of all kinds of merchandise we could well afford to carry this stock over and profit by it, but it has been our long fixed policy to clear out twice a year, to make room for the coming season's stocks and give the public the profit and in many instances a part of the cost for two weeks each season. It is absolutely imperative that we reduce our stock as much and as quickly as possible, as our store space is limited and we are receiving now and have in transit many shipments of Fall merchandise, the results of orders placed with manufacturers months ago to insure prompt delivery and "head off" advancing prices. It would be much to your advantage and profit to avail yourself of this wonderful money-saving opportunity and supply your present and future needs. Take, for instance, such staple goods as clothing, shoes, hats, hosiery, cotton piece goods, table linens, towels, etc., that you use all the year round which you can buy in this sale at prices less than you'll be able to buy them for a long time. Prompt service and electric fans that will make shopping pleasant

Clearing Out All Our Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

All Silk, Linen, Voile and Lawn Dresses Go In This Sale at HALF PRICE



Thompson's Corsets

Thompson's Corsets—A complete line of sizes to select from—This is a rare pick-up for you, Ladies. Just Half Price

Clearing Out Hosiery

Hosiery continues to advance. Here is an opportunity to supply your present and future needs at prices at less than you will get them for a long time.

\$1.50 Phoenix silk hose	\$1.29
\$1.25 Phoenix silk hose	98c
50c Cadet Lisle Hose	43c
35c Cadet Lisle Hose	29c
25c Fine Gungo Hose	22c
19c Good Cotton Hose	15c



Serge, Worsted and Palm Beach Pants Greatly Reduced

\$2.50 Pants reduced to	2.19
\$3.50 Pants reduced to	\$2.95
\$4.00 Pants reduced to	\$3.35
\$5.00 Madras Pants reduced to	\$4.25
\$6.00 Pants reduced to	\$5.25

BOYS' SERGE AND WORSTED SUITS

\$3.50 Boys' Suits reduced to	\$2.95
\$4.00 Boys' Suits reduced to	\$3.29
\$5.00 Boys' Suits reduced to	\$4.19
\$6.00 Boys' Suits reduced to	\$5.19
\$7.50 Boys' Suits reduced to	\$6.45

Boys' \$5 and \$6 PALM BEACH SUITS, your choice : : : \$3.95
All Boys' Palm Beach, worsted, serge and Cassimere Pants reduced.

Serge and Worsted Suits

Medium weight, just right for Fall wear, at about half the price the same grades will sell for in the Fall. Buy now and save big money.

\$12.50 Suits reduced to	\$9.75
\$15.00 Suits reduced to	\$10.85
\$17.50 Suits reduced to	\$13.75
\$20.00 Suits reduced to	\$14.85
\$25.00 Suits reduced to	\$19.75
\$35.00 H. S. & M. Suits reduced to	\$27.50
\$10.00 Palm Beach and Mohair Suits reduced to	\$6.95
\$12.50 Palm Beach and Mohair Suits reduced to	\$8.50

Men's and Boys' PANAMA and STRAW HATS to close out at big reductions.

Liberal Reductions on STETSON HATS.

Huck and Turkish Towels

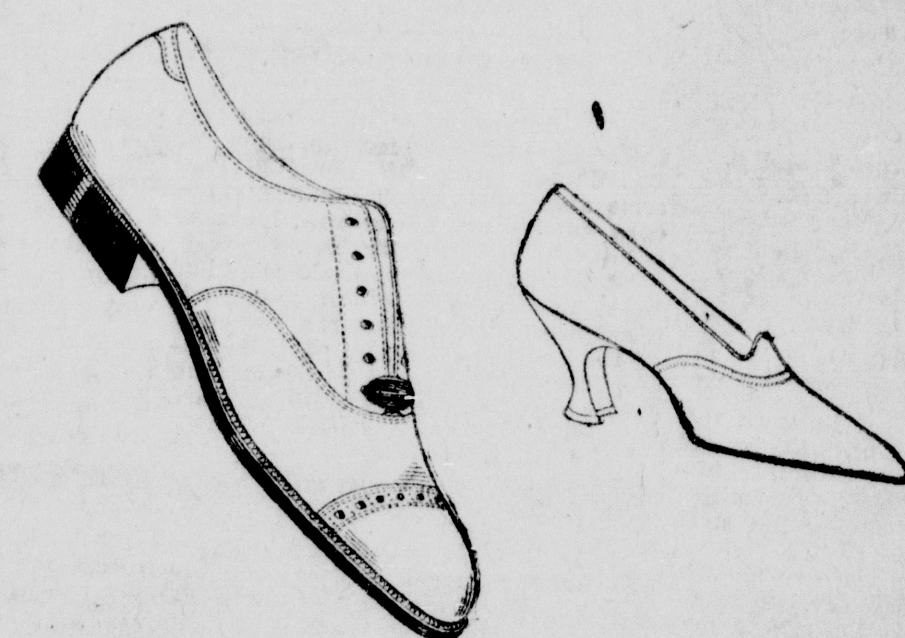
39 cent Hemmed Cotton Towels, per pair	29c
50 cent Linen Finished Towels, per pair	43c
39 cent Turkish Bath Towels, per pair	29c
50 cent Turkish Bath Towels, per pair	43c
65 cent Turkish Bath Towels, per pair	63c
19 cent Toweling Crash, per yard	15c
25 cent Toweling Crash, per yard	21c

36-inch Hope Domestic for 24c

This is the old reliable 36 inch Hope Bleached Domestic, best in the Market and worth wholesale 27 1/2 cents a yard. The price this Fall will be 25 cents. Buy your future supply now at 24c

Men's Shirts and Underwear

\$6.00 Silk Shirts reduced to	\$4.95
\$4.50 Silk Shirts reduced to	\$3.65
\$3.95 Silk Shirts reduced to	\$2.95
\$2.00 Madras Shirts reduced to	\$1.69
\$1.50 Madras Shirts reduced to	\$1.28
\$1.25 Madras Shirts reduced to	\$1.00
\$1.00 Madras Shirts reduced to	85c
\$1.25 B. V. D. Union Suits reduced to	\$1.10
\$1.00 Nainsook Union Suits for	85c
75 cent Shirts and Drawers, each	50c
50 cent Shirts and Drawers, each	39c



Men's Shoes and Oxfords at Sale Prices

\$10.00 Men's Stacy Adams Oxfords at	\$7.85
\$8.00 Packard Shoes and Oxfords at	\$6.50
\$7.00 Men's Packard Shoes and Oxfords at	\$5.50
\$6.50 Men's Packard Shoes and Oxfords at	\$4.95
\$4.50 Men's R. J. & R. Oxfords and Shoes on sale at	\$3.95
\$3.50 Men's R. J. & R. Shoes and Oxfords on sale at	\$2.95

Ladies Shoes and Slippers

\$10.00 Black and Colored Boots for	\$7.95
\$8.00 Black and Colored Boots for	\$6.95
\$7.50 Ladies Black Kid Boots for	\$6.45
\$6.00 Ladies Black Kid Boots for	\$4.95
\$5.00 Ladies Black Kid Shoes for	\$3.95
\$3.50 Ladies Black Kid Shoes for	\$2.95
LADIES' PUMPS AND OXFORDS	
\$9.00 White Kid Pumps	\$5.95
\$6.00 Ladies' Fine Kid Pumps for	\$4.95
\$5.00 Ladies' Fine Kid Pumps for	\$4.25
\$4.00 Ladies' Kid Oxfords for	\$2.95
\$3.00 Ladies' Kid Oxfords for	\$2.45

Silk Lisle and cotton SOX

65 cent Silk Sox, all Colors for	49c
75 cent Silk Sox, all Colors, for	63c
50 cent Lisle Sox on sale at	43c
25 cent Lisle Sox on sale at	21c
19 cent Cotton Sox on sale at	15c
Children's Cadet Hose, real values 50c, at	35c
25 cent Black and White Children's Hose	22c
19 cent Black and White Children's Hose	15c

Friday, July 19, 1918

Widely Circulated Paper in Wise County.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Persons reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of person or corporation which may appear in the columns of the will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.—Collins & Smith, Publishers.

In her intercourse with nations may she always be right; but our country, wrong."—Stephen Decatur.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Representative, Wise County,
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County Judge:
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V. D. PASCHALL.
County Attorney:
W. M. WORKMAN.
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County Treasurer:
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W. A. (Bill) SMITH.
County Superintendent:
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GORDON ROGERS
District Clerk:
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JESS DAVENPORT.
Public Weigher, Prec. 5:
HAS TATUM.
JESSE LISBY.
GUY HUDNALL
Commissioner Prec. 1 and 6:
BRYSON WILLIAMSON
JIM BOOTH
W. B. SPLAWN
Commissioner Precs. 4 and 5:
W. G. BLACKWELL.
J. M. PORTWOOD.

Jim talked loud and long in this Tuesday afternoon, but he did not tell a single soul who let him have that bale of greenbacks we hear so much about. Refuting the accusation that it came from disloyal sources he stated that other governors had borrowed money. The explanation was perfectly satisfactory to all those who believe that Jim can do no wrong.

The splendid ladies of Chico, deploring to proclaim to the world their stand in the governor's race, were compelled to pay regular advertising rates in the Chico Review to get the list of their Hobby club published. Wonder if the ladies had been for the Review's ticket—Ferguson and Parrish—would they have been charged anything?

"If we can array the Ferguson forces against Chas. Spencer, on account of being a brother of French, and line them up for Parrish, and then line-up the members of the Baptist church on account of Parrish' father being a member of that church, and then play-up Lucian as a strong Hobby man, then there will be some chance for him to get in the race," planned a member of the little faction in Decatur that is opposing the former Wise county boy, C. F. Spencer. Some plan, but the best laid ones of rodents and politicians oft go to smashes.

WOMEN CAN VOTE HERE EVEN IF THEY HAVE NOT REGISTERED

Austin, July 16.—Attorney General Looney has given out answers to several important questions relating to women voting in the primary on July 27, and a second primary, if there should be one, on August 31: The polls will be open at 9 a. m. and close at 8 p. m. as shown by the clocks, which will make the hours conform to the sun time schedule of the law.

Women living in cities of 10,000 or more must have registered to vote.

Women living outside of cities of 10,000 can vote without having registered.

Women can serve as election judges and clerks.

Women must be 21 years of age before July 27, 1918 to vote at that time.

The fact that a woman's registration receipt was filled out by a tax collector or his deputy does not disqualify the woman from voting. Before such votes could be thrown out it would have to appear that in fact the registrant was physically and mentally incapacitated to have performed this duty herself.

PROOF OF ATTEMPTED LINE-UP.

Some weeks ago the Messenger made the statement that an effort was being made to perfect some line-ups in the interest of Mr. Lucian W. Parrish, who is a candidate for congress against Chas. F. Spencer. The Messenger stated that there was on foot a movement, first to line-up the members of the Baptist church, second, to line-up all supporters of James E. Ferguson for Mr. Parrish. The fact that the father of Mr. Parrish is a Baptist was thought sufficient to make the line-up, and the fact that Gov. Hobby is a close personal and political friend of French Spencer, brother of Chas. F. Spencer, was thought to be sufficient to line-up Ferguson supporters against Mr. Spencer. The following is a letter written to one of the most prominent Baptists in Wise county, a man who has served as an officer of the church for more than a quarter of a century, and who is an enthusiastic supporter of Chas. F. Spencer for congress. The letter reads:

"Henrietta, Texas, July 11, 1918.
—Dear Brother: I have read several times of the live club you organized in Decatur for Mr. Parrish, and I am mighty glad to see you folks down there getting behind this good man. I have been pastor to his parents and have known the family for twenty years, and I know Lucian to be the man for the place he seeks, and I want you AS A GOOD LOYAL BAPTIST to give him your whole-hearted support.
"You Decatur Baptists have expected and received support from the Baptists all over the district and now we ask your support for a BAPTIST who lives away from Decatur.
"Thanking you for all you may do for Mr. Parrish, I am Yours truly, SEBE J. THOMAS."

PREVAILING DISEASE.

Dick Collins, over at Decatur, is suffering with Spenceritis-Hobbyitis. The doctor says if complications arise and the shock of July 27th does not restore his reason, his case is hopeless.—Chico Review.

The same disease has taken hold of thousands in Wise county; in fact, the Spenceritis ailment has invaded every nook and corner of this congressional district and women and men by the multiplied thousands are "infected."

SLANDER.

A. D. Rogers, erstwhile ring leader over at Decatur, is back on the job. When that courthouse ring has a real dirty job to put over, A. D. is brought back with great acclaim. He is probably better posted on crooked politics than any man in Wise county.—Chico Review.

The above is a sample of the abuse and vituperation being handed out by newspapers of the Review's kidney. A. D. Rogers is an honorable citizen; for many years he was one of the most progressive and wide-awake men in Wise county, and when he moved to San Antonio some months ago, the best citizens in that city tendered him a splendid reception. Mr. Rogers has committed an unpardonable sin in proclaiming publicly in Wise county that he is a supporter of Gov. Hobby and Chas. F. Spencer. Mr. Rogers is a personal friend of Wm. P. Hobby, and he is loyal to everything and every worthy person in his old home county, so he has no hesitancy in stating that he is for Chas. F. Spencer, former Wise county boy, for congress. For this "unpardonable sin" Mr. Rogers is published as a crook and dirty jobber. What has the Review to say about the thousands of good women and men in this county who have stated they would support Chas. F. Spencer for congress and Wm. P. Hobby for governor? And, gee whillikins, what must the Review think of these Ferguson supporters who positively refuse to go against the former Wise county boy and be led into the Haney or Parrish lines? Yes, what is the criticism of such good men as Rev. Billie Ayers, Baptist county missionary, ministers of the gospel of every denomination in Wise county, farmers, doctors, merchants, and the hundreds of good women—for Hobby and Spencer; and such citizens as T. Perrin, Joe Hill, Marion Gibbon, and others, for Ferguson, but all for Spencer? Yes, what about them? Are they crooks and doers of dirty jobs?

QUESTIONABLE METHODS.

Tuesday an old scout from Bowie, Texas, was in the city mingling with the crowd that had gathered to hear Jim Ferguson speak. To all who would listen he would state that there was not a county officer in Montague county who would support Chas. F. Spencer for congress. It is not supposed the gentleman was down here for his health. But listen: "We, the undersigned county officials of Montague county, the

home of Judge Chas. F. Spencer, having known him for many years, take this method of commending him to the people of this district as a man in every way qualified to serve the people in congress. His friends in this county will make a determined effort to secure his election. His service as county attorney of this county for four years, and as district judge of the 16th district has been of such nature and satisfaction as to justify any confidence which the people must repose in a congressman. We give him our hearty support and good wishes. J. H. Hall, county attorney; N. F. McClellan, district clerk; H. J. McClellan, dep. tax collector; H. Overstreet, tax collector; R. W. Grimsley, treas.; I. L. Chandler, county clerk; J. C. Bryant, tax assessor; W. W. Cook, ex-county judge; Walter Moore, jailor; R. L. Hodges, J. P.; W. F. Landers, commissioner; W. A. Morris; E. E. Johnson, physician; E. W. Perryman, sheriff; H. J. Walker, dep. sheriff; W. G. Simpson, constable; I. B. Williams, county supt.; A. M. Latham, agricultural agent; Taylor C. Davis, commissioner; D. T. Herring, commissioner; Homer B. Latham, county judge."

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POLITICAL SCHEMING.

Every scheme known to past and present political scheming has been employed by the enemies of the Spencer family in this town to injure or embarrass Chas. F. Spencer in his race for congress—but the efforts have fallen flat, as the splendid citizenship of Candidate Spencer's old home county have "come alive" to the schemes and those responsible for such will be soundly rebuked. We have witnessed a number of political contests in our time, but we here admit that the tactics used by the few enemies of the Spencers beat anything that has ever come under our observation in the political arena in Wise county. Reports that are absolutely baseless have been put in circulation, and couriers have been sent out to disseminate hurtful talk. But, the effort has been nipped in the bud" and no serious damage has resulted. Spencer's friends and all those who stand for the biggest and best in this political life promptly squelching the efforts to injure one of the county's successful men. But probably it is for the best, for when this contest is over the atmosphere will be cleared and the ranks of the party will be over-hauled. Several self-styled politicians and "leaders" will hit the toboggan and political ambitions will have died in burning. Yet, it is funny, the schemes that have been staged against Wise county's candidate for congress. Deals have been offered, and trades proposed that would make the people of this county laugh if the particulars were known. Messenger is in possession of information to the effect that the waning cause of Spencer's opponents have prompted them to make amusin' charges and propositions. One fellow has been laboriously at work, trying to "line-up" the members of the Baptist church in this county; the fellow trying the scheme being a personal enemy of some relative of Chas. Spencer. Another fellow, who publicly said he dislikes a brother-in-law of Spencer hit upon the happy idea of "lining up" those who opposed Will Shults in the county attorney's race three or four years ago. Another fellow launched the scheme to array the supporters of Jim Ferguson against Spencer on account of his prohibitive views. Another fellow thought he could "cut some political ice" by pussy-footing here and there and injure Candidate Spencer with the dope that Charles' brother, French, is a personal friend of Gov. Hobby. Every scheme known to the game has been employed—trades that the army of Hobby supporters would resent to a man and woman. Propositions that are resented by the followers of Ferguson.

Charles Spencer is making a clean, honorable campaign; he has no agents to make deals, no emissaries to "line up" a religious denomination or supporters of James E. Ferguson. Chas. F. Spencer's friends and supporters in Wise county are legion. Methodists, Baptists, Christians, Presbyterians, all, are rallying to his cause. Wise county Hobby supporters, Wise county Ferguson supporters, are on common ground in standing by the Wise county "boy". And the result of his magnificent support, Wise county for the first time in its history will have the honor and distinction of having one of its former citizens in congress. Reports from every section of the district are to the effect that Spencer has a "walk over." His strongest opponent will not carry three counties in the district. Thirty-five per cent of the vote in Parrish's home county, Clay, will go to Spencer, and Wichita county, the home of Mr. Haney, will come near giving Spencer fifty per cent of its vote. Spencer's election is assured. Spencer's election has been conceded by some of those in Decatur who have been making much fuss over Haney and Parrish. Turn out July 27th and let's roll up a whopper majority for the Wise county boy, Chas. F. Spencer—your candidate and my candidate.



Cartoon from The Dallas Morning News, July 2, 1918.

SUGAR IS SCARCE.

The work of the submarine off the Atlantic coast early in June resulted in a great loss of sugar from Cuba and Porto Rico. This means that we must be especially careful in our use of this important commodity. The United States Food Administration suggests that each person use no more than 3 pounds every month. Whenever possible honey, corn syrup, maple sugar and sorghum should be used.

DATE PUDDING.

3 tablespoons cornstarch
2 cups milk
1/2 cup corn or maple syrup
12 seeded dates cut up small
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix the cornstarch with 1/4 cup milk. Heat the remaining milk in a double boiler. Add the cornstarch, syrup, dates and salt, and stir until thick; cover and cook for 20 minutes. Add the vanilla and pour into a dish to cool. Serves five people. Prunes are good instead of dates.

SPICE CAKE

With part of the sugar replaced by corn syrup.

1/2 cup fat
1/2 cup sugar
3 eggs
1 cup syrup
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon ginger
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1/2 teaspoon allspice
3/4 cups barley flour
1 cup raisins
Cream the fat, sugar and egg yolks. Add the syrup, milk and vanilla and mix well. Add alternately the liquid and the dry ingredients sifted together. Add the flavoring and fold in the well-beaten egg whites. Lastly, add the raisins. Bake for one hour in a moderate oven.

FROZEN CUSTARD.

1 pint milk
1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 1/2 teaspoons cold milk or water
1 egg
1 cup corn syrup or sufficient maple syrup or honey for desired sweetening
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1/2 teaspoon salt
Scald the milk and add the cornstarch mixed with the cold milk or water. Cook the mixture over hot water for 15 minutes. Add the eggs, slightly beaten, and cook the mixture for 5 minutes. Add the corn syrup and the salt and stir the mixture well. Strain it and cool it. Add the vanilla and freeze the custard in the same way as any ice-cream.

FROZEN APRICOTS.

1 quart can apricots
Water
2 cups corn or other syrup
To the syrup from the apricots add the corn syrup and sufficient water to make 1 quart. Since the sweetness of the apricots varies, more or less, corn syrup may be needed. Put the apricots through a strainer, mix the pulp thoroughly with the liquid, and freeze the mixture.

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The meeting at Pleasant Grove was closed last Sunday night. Rev. Matthews conducted the meeting and the reports are that much good was accomplished.

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There were 182 in Sunday school and good congregations at both services. The pastor preached at the morning hour on the "Call of the World," and at night on "The Spirit of Christ." Services next Sunday as usual. Preaching at both hours and good attendance is expected at Sunday school. You are invited. H. J. Matthews, pastor.

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SHERIFF'S SALE—TAX SUITS

The state of Texas, county of Wise By virtue of an order of sale for delinquent taxes, issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county on the 27th day of May, A. D., 1918 by W. V. Cunningham clerk, thereof, in the case of the city of Decatur versus unknown owners No. 1553, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in August, A. D., 1918, it being the 6th day of said month, at the court house door of said Wise county, in the city of Decatur, the following subscribed land situated in Wise county, Texas to-wit: of No. three, block No. fifteen, the Devereux addition to the city of Decatur, Texas, said property being levied upon as the property of unknown owners to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$17.40, in favor of the city of Decatur, with interest and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 29th day of June, A. D., 1918.
J. LEE MANN, Sheriff of Wise county, Texas. By E. A. Preskitt, Deputy.

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LOCAL NEWS

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

NORTH BOUND SOUTH BOUND

Arrive at Decatur

No. 3, 11:17 a.m. No. 8, 5:06 a.m.

No. 7, 12:45 a.m. No. 4, 5:12 p.m.

Leave — Ft. Worth — Arrive

No. 3, 9:40 a.m. No. 8, 6:45 a.m.

No. 7, 11:05 p.m. No. 4, 6:45 p.m.

Amario

No. 3, 11:25 p.m. No. 8, 5:50 p.m.

No. 7, 6:00 p.m. No. 4, 5:45 a.m.

Arrive — Denver — Leave

No. 7, 7:00 a.m. No. 8, 11:30 p.m.

W. E. Hand and son are visiting
in Archer City.

T. L. Taylor was here this week
from Paradise.

Miss Ollie Owen is visiting in
Johnson county.

Emory Gose was here yesterday
from Fort Worth.

Mrs. Mack Tate and children are
visiting at Alvord.

Roy Heathington was in Fort
Worth Wednesday.

Mrs. Onus Finleyson of Rhome,
visited here Friday.

Freddie Robinson was here from
Wichita Falls Sunday.

J. M. Scott and S. M. Gose went to
Oklahoma Wednesday.

Rev. W. A. Stuckey and family are
visiting in San Antonio.

Miss Lua James of Baird, is the
guest of Miss May Hoyt.

Rev. G. W. Tyson and family leave
today for Oklahoma points.

Lady Bess Prunty is visiting rela-
tives and friends in Arlington.

Miss Ona B. McGlasson of near De-
catur, visited in Ennis this week.

Chas. Dutton and family of Keet-
er, visited relatives here Sunday.

H. H. Halsell has returned from a
visit to his brother in Oklahoma.

Miss Marie Walcott is visiting re-
latives and friends in Wichita Falls.

Saturday night is the regular
monthly meeting of the local Masonic
lodge.

Dr. L. H. Reeves has returned from
attending a course of lectures in Chi-
cago.

Mrs. Dickson of Vernon, has been
visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. V.
Prunty.

Mrs. Walter Coffee of Ardmore,
Okla., is visiting her mother, Mrs. M.
A. Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dunaway of
Clay county, have been visiting re-
latives here.

Frank Halcomb and children of
Johnson county, visited the family of
W. C. Owen.

Mrs. Will Cloyd of Dallas is the
guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
J. G. Providence.

Miss Florence Bauman of
Throckmorton, is the guest of Miss
DeAlva Greer.

Glen Russell and family returned
Wednesday from a tour of Colorado
and New Mexico.

Prof. C. W. Murphree and family
spent several days with friends in
Denton last week.

"France in Arms" a five-reel offi-
cial war picture will be shown at the
Majestic Tuesday, July 30.

Rev. Wm. Pierce and family and
Mrs. Joe Hammett of Fort Worth,
visited relatives here this week.

Antonio Marino and Pearl White
are playing in "The House of Hate"
at the Majestic tomorrow.

Miss Frances Estelle Russell of
Garman and E. E. Conlee of this city
were married in Mineral Wells on
Monday afternoon.

The D. Y. C. club gave a shower
for Miss Winnie Holt, bride-elect, at
the home of Miss Christine Thurmond
Tuesday afternoon.

Lee Drake and wife of Los Ange-
les, Cal., and Mrs. Eula Zion of Am-
arillo, have been visiting the family
of A. R. Drake at Shidell.

Outier D. Gose, who was in the
draft of July 6, returned home Sun-
day. He failed to pass the physi-
cal examination.

Gordon Roberts and Leo Sellars
left this week to join the party of
students from Baylor, who go to
Camp Sheridan, Ill., to receive mili-
tary training.

Marriage licenses: C. B. Hoyt and
Miss Bess Vanmeeter, Decatur; E. L.
McCart, Wichita Falls, and Miss
Vera L. Holt, Vernon; Alfred Eudaly
and Miss Tinnie Morrow, Chico.

G. C. Ran of the Oliver Creek com-
munity, brought a Shropshire lamb to
town Tuesday and gave it to the Red
Cross. The animal was sold at auc-
tion and brought \$23.50.

Rev. R. B. Moreland made a very
forceful and appreciative address to
the twenty boys who left Tuesday for
Camp Travis. A large crowd accom-
panied the soldiers to the depot.

Frances, the 5-year old son of Mr.
and Mrs. H. L. Jones had his shoulder
knocked out of place Tuesday after-
noon as a result of a fall from a
tree. He was doing fine at the last
report.

Dewey Tyson of this city, who has
lately been working in Dallas, was
at his home this week. He and his
brother, Hubert, leave soon for a
Marine camp in Alabama.

John Fullingim and Guinn Wil-
liams, Jr., who have lately been at-
tending the summer school at Den-
ton, were here Sunday. They are to
leave soon for an army camp in Il-
linois.

The 3-year old child of Mr. and
Mst. J. D. Myers of this city died at
its home late Tuesday afternoon. It
had been sick for some time with di-
phtheria and the death was not unex-
pected. The funeral was held Wed-
nesday.

Manager Blythe announces the be-
ginning of "The Allies Official War
Review," a feature picture of the war
events in one reel, on next Thursday
night, July 25. The government
urges that every man, woman and
child see this weekly review.

Horace Spencer has leased the
Lone Star restaurant from Louie
Schulkey. Mr. Schulkey has a posi-
tion as baker at the City Bakery.
Spencer is one of the best cooks in
this section, and he will doubtless re-
ceive a splendid patronage at this
popular eating place.

Prof. James St. Clair and family of
Denton, were here last Monday. He
left this week with twelve of the
students of Denton Normal for Camp
Sheridan, Ill., to take a course in
military training. Among the num-
ber were two Decatur boys, John Ful-
lingim and Guinn Williams II.

For auto axle shafts, auto trailer
axle shafts and all kinds of welding
see Decatur Repair Shop, Fred Burtis
manager.

Next Sunday morning the church
service flag will be raised at the
Methodist church at the 11 o'clock
hour. A special program of speak-
ing and music will be rendered. At
the evening hour the service will be
in charge of the Senior Epworth
League. A splendid program has
been arranged for this service.

The district court room was crowd-
ed till standing room was at a pre-
mium last Saturday when Miss Annie
Webb Blanton of Denton, presented
her claims for State superintendent.
The big crowd seemed in sympathy
with the lady speaker, and her very
forceful remarks were frequently ap-
plauded. A full text of her address
is given in another column.

I have installed a new and modern
hem-stitching machine, and solicit
your work in this line at reasonable
cash prices. Bring or mail me your
work with instructions, and I can re-
turn same by parcels post, C. O. D.
Call and inspect this wonderful ma-
chine. MRS. E. B. MELTON.

The 142nd regiment from Camp
Lawie has reached Camp Mills, N.
Y. Cards from Decatur boys in the
regiment report a very pleasant trip,
and that they were given a royal re-
ception at every stopping place. One
wrote that the people of the north
were 1000 per cent patriotic, and
the Red Cross angels in their be-
witching blue uniforms were found
everywhere distributing good cheer
and good things to eat to our boys.

Mr. Cecil Hoyt and Miss Bess Van-
meeter, both of this community, were
married on Thursday afternoon of
last week at the Methodist parson-
age, Rev. R. B. Moreland officiating.
The young couple left at once for a
trip to Galveston. The bride is one
of the most lovable and popular girls
in the city, and is a favorite among
her many friends and associates. Mr.
Hoyt is a splendid young man of ad-
mirable qualities and is well-liked.
The Messenger extends congratulations.

Lieutenant Erwin L. McCarter of
Call Field, Wichita Falls, and Miss
Vera LaVerne Holt of Vernon, were
married at the home of the bride in
that city last Saturday morning, Rev.
J. L. Ward of this city, officiating.
The newly-weds spent the following
Sunday with Mrs. Jas. McCarter in
Decatur. The bride is a most talent-
ed and charming girl, and is popular
here, having visited relatives in the
city a number of times. Lieut.
McCarter is an instructor at Call
Field. He has made rapid progress
since joining the aviation corps, and
to judge from his thoroughness in
the work, he will continue to advance.
Messenger joins the many friends of
these young people in congratulations.

Don't miss the "Allies' War Re-
view" at the Majestic on next Thurs-
day night, July 25th. It is a real war
picture, issued by the govern-
ment committee on public informa-
tion, George Creel chairman, and
should be seen by everyone.

Mrs. Sarah E. Gibbs aged 89 years,
died last Saturday morning at the
home of her daughter, Mrs. G. G.
Neilson, in this city. The remains
were carried to Walnut Creek church
Sunday afternoon, where the fune-
ral services were conducted by Revs.
R. B. Moreland of this city, and G. A.
Lehnhoff of Bowie. She had been in
feeble health for many months. Mrs.
Gibbs had been a resident of this
county for over sixty years, living
for many years in the Anneville com-
munity, but spending the latter part
of her life with her only daughter.
She was one of those sturdy Chris-
tian characters whose untiring efforts
helped in converting this section from
a savage frontier into a place of mod-
ern civilization. Her noble influence
will live long in the lives of those
many friends and associates who
loved her for her sterling worth.

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south Decatur; two bloc
square; good neighborh
W. B. EVANS, Decatur.

LOST

LOST—Gent's purse, Tuesd
near City Bakery or postof
tained \$10 bill, two pennie
burned nickel. Reward for
to ED JOHNSON at the ice
LOST—Gold-rimmed spectacl
turn to S. M. GOSE, Decatur.

LOST—Pocket book in tobaco
left in buggy in the McCrac
gon yard. Return to Tom M
en, Decatur.

WANTED

WANTED—Two or three
house-keeping rooms at o
of McPearson's Camp, Decatur.

WANTED—Fireplace wood o
scription at the Messenger offi

LOST—Auto crank for Chevrol
left in residence and Decatur
der please return to this office

WANTED TO BUY—Two sever
old guineas; females. At this

TO TRADE

WILL TRADE.—Residence lo
Decatur for auto, horses or
H. H. HALSELL.

TO TRADE.—Three horses for
Box 573, Decatur.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—12 lots, price \$550
BRANDON TRUSSELL.

FOR SALE—Gasoline engine, F
and Johnson; for well; Goo
new will sell at bargain.—MURD
YOUNG.

FOR SALE—Good restaurant;
business; good reasons for sell
Bargain. H. C. MCENTIRE, D
tur, Texas.

FOR SALE—Gasoline pump eng
See W. G. STANDLEY, Decatur, 1

FOR SALE—Good jersey cow; 3
old; fresh; good milker. MRS. I

NA BAKER at city cemetery.

FOR SALE.—Dane hay press, 2
pull press; bargain for \$250; raf
and mower. R. M. CHILDRESS, 1

FOR SALE OR TRADE.—New Ma
well, 1918 model; worth the mon
H. F. BOYD, Decatur.

FOR SALE.—Black Langshan roos
er and two hens. This office.

FOR SALE—15 or 20 Shropshir
Ewes; lambs to 3-year-olds. N. I

ATKERSON, Decatur, Texas. (29tf

FOR SALE—Registered Duroc boar
pigs. M. W. BADGER, Ind. phone.

IS HE WORTHY OF THE OFFICE?

We, the citizens of this commu-
ty, do highly indorse Prof. Albert L.
Maddux as being one of Wise coun-
ty's best men. Having been raised
in Wise county and having lived most
of his life in this community, we are
in a position to know him.

He is one of the cleanest men we
have. His life is above reproach; he
was raised on the farm. His father
died when he was small and, having
to help his mother support the small-
er children, he did not have the
chance that some had, but his ambi-
tion was so great for an education
that he entered school with a zeal
that few boys possess. His educa-
tion was financed by the labor of his
own hands and we believe that our
best men of today are men who came
up under such adverse conditions.

He has been teaching school for
the last sixteen years and is well
qualified to fill the office which he
seeks. He is kindly disposed toward
all and we assure you that he is a
man who will be glad to listen to the
claims of all and will act to the best
interest of every school community.

He had the misfortune of losing
his companion a few months gone,
leaving the care of six little children
to him alone, and we feel that if we
could assist him to the office of coun-
ty superintendent it would be help-
ing him over some of the rough places
of life.

At the solicitation of his friends
he consented to make the race for
the above office. If he should be
elected we assure you that he will
not shun his duty and you will appre-
ciate that fact that you gave him
your support.

W. C. MOORE,
J. B. MINOR,
W. B. BROWN,
W. D. HOLT,
E. A. TATE,
MRS. MOLLIE MOORE,
B. C. ALLGOOD,
B. C. ALLGOOD,
W. H. PHILLIPS,
H. L. SLOVER,
J. F. PHILLIPS,
J. M. DUNN,
W. M. DUNN,
B. C. ALLGOOD, SR.
M. P. ALLGOOD.
(Political Adv.)

The United States makes request
that all men, women and children
who can possibly do so to see the Of-
ficial War pictures at the Majestic
every Thursday night. The proceeds
will go to war needs.

SPECIAL BALLOT.
(Requested by Request)

is an exact copy of the democratic ballot for the Saturday, July 27. The in the order in which appear on the ballot. The intend to vote can "practically" and thus be able intelligently on the day of the For the benefit of those know how to vote: You mark the name of whom you wish to cast not, and run a pencil mark the names of those you to vote for. Unless the marked, your vote will not be counted. Vote for only one per each office, and be sure to mark all names except the whom you are voting.

THE BALLOT
A Democrat and pledge my support the nominees of this

United States Senator:
MORRIS SHEPPARD.
Governor:
J. E. FERGUSON.
WILLIAM P. HOBBY.

Lieutenant Governor:
A. JOHNSON.
JOHN R. MOORE.
B. COWELL.
W. DAVIDSON.
H. BAILEY.
NO. M. HENDERSON.

Chief Justice Supreme Court:
NELSON PHILLIPS.
Associate Justice Supreme Court:
THOS. B. GREENWOOD.
J. D. HARVEY.

Associate Justice Court Criminal Appeals:
C. A. PIPPEN.
R. H. WARD.
F. B. MARTIN.
WILLIAM PIERSON.
O. S. LATTIMORE.

State Treasurer:
J. M. EDWARDS.
JNO. W. BAKER.

Attorney General:
MARSHALL SPOONTS.
JNOO. W. WOODS.
C. M. CURETON.

Railroad Commissioner:
JNO. L. ANDREWS.
C. H. HURDLESTON.
CLARENCE E. GILMORE.

Comptroller:
C. C. MAYFIELD.
SAM H. GOODLET.
H. B. TERRELL.

Commissioner of Agriculture:
H. A. HALBERT.
FRED W. DAVIS.

State Supt. Public Instruction:
ANNIE WEBB BLANTON.
W. F. DOUGHTY.
BRANDON TRUSSELL.

Commissioner of Land Office:
JNO. T. ROBINSON.

For Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeals, Second District:
IRBY DUNKLIN.

For Congress 13th District:
LUCIAN W. PARRISH.
EDWARD P. HANEY.
C. F. SPENCER.

For Representative:
J. W. WALKER.
S. M. COVINGTON.

For County Judge:
L. D. RATLIFF.
W. D. PASCHALL.

For County Attorney:
J. V. PATTERSON.
JOHN GRAHAM.

For Sheriff:
W. M. WORKMAN.
WALTER MALONE.

For County Clerk:
CARL FAITH.
BEDFORD C. DAVIS.

For County Supt. of Public Instr:
B. F. ROE.
A. L. MADDUX.
GORDON ROGERS.
CHAS. B. BREEDLOVE.

For County Treasurer:
T. M. BARNETT.
LORY D. WHITE.
W. A. SMITH.

For Tax Collector:
G. S. BLEWETT.
JOHN P. HILL.
G. W. RAY.
J. T. BARKSDALE.

For District Clerk:
W. V. CUNNINGHAM.

For County Surveyor:
J. C. CASEY.

For County Chairman:
W. S. GILBERT.

For Commissioner Prec. 1 and 6:
W. B. SPLAWN.
M. B. WILLIAMSON.
J. F. BOOTH.

For Justice of Peace, Prec. 1:
M. B. JOHNSTON.

For Constable Prec. 1:
C. L. HARDWICK.

For Public Weigher Prec. 1:

For Precinct Chairman:

For Justice Peace Prec. 6:
G. B. MCARTY.

For Constable Prec. 6:
C. M. QUISENBERRY.

For Public Weigher Prec. 6:

For Commissioner Prec. 2:
L. E. TIBBETS.
W. W. HANNA.
J. J. McDONALD.

For Justice of Peace Prec. 2:
G. E. HENDERSON.

For Public Weigher Prec. 2:
J. E. POLSON.
ED COLLINS.
A. M. STONE.
G. W. WARRINER.
W. H. CREAMER.
W. M. REYNOLDS.

For Justice of Peace Prec. 3:
L. E. FORT Justice of Peace Prec. 3:
J. M. MITCHUM.

For Constable Prec. 3:

For Public Weigher Prec. 3:
J. H. C. SCALES.

For Commissioner Prec. 4:
J. M. PORTWOOD.
W. G. BLACKWELL.

For Justice of Peace Prec. 4:
T. L. TAYLOR.

For Constable Prec. 4:
E. T. LOCKE.

For Public Weigher Prec. 4:
L. G. ALBRITTON.

For Justice of Peace Prec. 5:
C. C. LEONARD.

For Constable Prec. 5:
J. E. SCROGGINS.

For Public Weigher Prec. 5:
HAS TATUM.
JESSE LISBY.
J. M. GOODGER.
GUY HUDNALL.

Commissioner Prec. 7:
J. D. DENNY.
WALTER S. CRAWFORD.
M. T. BEESON.

For Justice of Peace Prec. 7:
T. L. COURSEY.
J. H. FOSTER.

For Constable Prec. 7:
BEN JONES.
F. D. CHILTON.

For Public Weigher Prec. 7:
T. B. STACK.
PIERCE MOUNT.

For Justice of Peace Prec. 8:
R. E. BARFIELD.

For Public Weigher Prec. 8:

ELECTION JUDGES FOR WISE COUNTY PRIMARY, JULY 27th

At a meeting of the Wise county democratic executive committee held here Tuesday the following men were appointed judges to hold the democratic primary on Saturday, July 27:

1. North Decatur, J. H. Wallace, Decatur.
2. South Decatur, C. W. Murphy, Decatur.
3. Slidell, M. L. Muncy, Slidell.
4. Greenwood, W. A. Mauldin, Greenwood.
5. Dan, G. W. Mauldin, Greenwood.
6. Audubon, H. S. Farrington, Alvord.
7. Pella, W. M. Patton, Alvord.
8. Nickel, Wilber Jackson, Sunset.
9. Alvord, S. M. Ward, Alvord.
10. Park Springs, F. Mauldin, Sunset.
11. Crafton, J. J. Dickey, Crafton.
12. Chico, H. B. Johnson, Chico.
13. Willow Point, G. L. Armstrong, Vineyard.
14. Boonsville, Virgil Johnson, Boonsville.
15. Paradise, G. E. Taylor, Paradise.
16. Cottondale, G. P. Kelley, Paradise.
17. Garvin, Henry Jackson, Boyd.
18. Keeter, E. T. Loftman, Boyd.
19. Draco, W. S. Slover, Paradise.
20. Opal, W. O. Bobo, Boyd.
21. Briar, Bob Pope, Newark.
22. Newark, M. N. Hudson, Newark.
23. Rhome, H. I. Watkins, Rhome.
24. Aurora, G. A. Looney, Rhome.
25. Boyd, E. E. Hamilton, Boyd.
26. Balsora, J. H. Thedford, Balsora.
27. Allison, Jim Ramsey, Decatur.
28. Blewett, E. A. Chambers, Decatur.

SCHOOL NOTICE

All parties desiring to transfer their children to Decatur Independent district should do so by the first of August. Some may have children in adjoining districts who have finished the seventh grade and the eighth grade will not be taught in that particular district another year. If such be the case these children should be transferred before the first of August, else they will have to pay tuitions at the regular rate should they come to Decatur Public School. Get transfer slips at the Decatur Drug Co.—C. W. MURPHREE, Superintendent of D. H. S.

Remember to bring in circle eggs on Wednesday and Saturday and not later than 3 o'clock. All circle eggs must be strictly infertile. Our candler is finding some stamped eggs that are fertile. We are under contract not to stamp fertile eggs. Your early spring roosters and even large broilers are causing this trouble. Please separate them from laying hens, wait two weeks and begin to stamp your eggs again.

MIR KEMP'S REPORT

Visits of inspection were made by the county agent, the past week, to the farms of Sam Taggart, J. L. Bates, D. B. Gilliland, Henry W. Walker, R. E. Florida, Mrs. A. E. Pinkerton, J. A. Pinkerton, J. T. Washburn, L. C. Washburn, C. B. Washburn, P. M. Baten, and Mr. Armstrong.

All crops, except corn, were in fair condition, especially those that had been regularly cultivated to keep down weeds and conserve moisture. On several farms there will be good yields of corn.

The county agent extended his visits to three club boys: Freeman Taggart, Sam'l W. Gilliland and Alvin Askey.

Farmers and agricultural boys are reminded that the SHORT COURSE at the A. & M. College will open July 22 and continue through 29.

The farmers Congress will be in session July 30 and 31.

Every one who can attend should start in time to reach College Station for the opening on the morning of the 22.

The program for the week is well arranged for beneficial study and recreation.

Railway fare will be one cent per mile each way; and expense for room and board \$1.25 per day.

For further information call at the office of county agent Kemp.

FROM CAMP McARTHUR

To Editor Index:

Since leaving home for Camp Travis I have often thought of dear old Bridgeport. It is a pleasure to us to get the index for we consider it a friend to the Wise county soldiers. On the 26th. of this month a bunch of us were transferred to Camp McArthur, Elmer Street, John C. C. Gunn, John Rice, Bedford Davis, Carl England and Leon Mareno are all here together. We are all great friends, and when one of us gets a letter from home it is a hoast to all of us. During our four weeks' stay at Camp Travis we were fortunate in having a nice place to stay and good officers over us. While training here this bunch is getting ready to do its part in winding up the war. It is quite likely that it will be over soon, but if possible we want to be present in the last drive which is evidently from all accounts in the near future and when we come back we will be great friends as Bedford Davis said some time ago. I wish to state that we are all for each other now. A soldier has all rights according to our president since he is an officer in the National Army and the man that will make argument against him is not a patriot.

Yours Respectfully,
LUKE HARDY
(Political Adv.)

MR. AND MRS. GIBBON GIVE LUNCHEON TO GOV. FERGUSON

Mr. and Mrs. Marian Gibbon entertained Gov. Ferguson and Senator Hanger and a few invited guests at their home Tuesday noon with a four-course luncheon.

TRUSSELL MAKES STATEMENT ABOUT MISS BLANTON'S TALK

Last week when Miss Blanton spoke at Decatur she insinuated that I had written some letters to her, or that I was instrumental in the writing of those letters, which statement is false. Miss Blanton made this statement for political purposes. The writer of the letters at the beginning thought something about supporting the lady, but because she dealt in personalities changed her attitude, which any person has a right to do as facts in any campaign develop.

BRANDON TRUSSELL,
Candidate for State Superintendent.

Sheriff's Notice of Election

Thes tate of Texas, county of Wise. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 10th. day of August, 1918, at the school house in common school district No. 63 of this county as established by order of the Commissioners' court of this county, of date, the 14th. day of June, 1918 which is recorded in book one, pages 119 of the minutes of said court school records of Wise county, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified taxpaying voters of that district desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said Common school district, in the amount of \$2,000.00, the bond to be of the denomination of \$100.00 each, numbered consecutively from one to twenty, both inclusive payable twenty years from their date, and bearing 5 per cent interest per annum payable annually on April 10 of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in building and equipping and construction, a public free school building in said district No. 63 and to determine whether the Commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually, while said bonds or any of them are outstanding, a tax upon all taxable property within said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principle at maturity.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 15th. day of July, 1918, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 15th. day of July, 1918.
J. Lee Mann, Sheriff of Wise county, Texas. By E. A. Preskitt, Deputy.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF First State Bank
DECATUR, TEXAS
At the close of business June 29 1918

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$ 316,476 72
Loans, real estate	4,830 00
Overdrafts	982 29
Liberty Loan bonds	5,700 00
U S Cer. of Indebtedness	20,000 00
Interval Revenue stamps	50 00
Furniture and fixtures	3,250 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	16,660 94
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	23 99
Cash items	432 53
Currency	5,654 00
Specie	3,102 55
Int. in depositors' guaranty fund	1,947 41
War Saving stamps	4,202 61
Total	\$ 383,293 04

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, net	6,728 25
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net	12,155 43
Individual deposits subject to check	224,028 91
Time certificates of deposit	31,135 00
U S Government deposits	10,000 00
Cashier's checks	1,637 14
Bills Payable-Rediscounts	37,500 00
Other liabilities	108 31
Total	\$ 383,293 04

State of Texas, County of Wise.— We, Guinn Williams as president, and E. P. Gibson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Guinn Williams, President, E. P. Gibson, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th of July, 1918. R. L. Thompson, notary public, Wise county, Tex.

Correct attest: J. H. Mecaskey, J. A. Simmons, A. Y. Leslie, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Paradise State Bank
PARADISE, TEXAS
At the close of business June 29 1918

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$ 62,716 55
Loans, real estate	200 00
Overdrafts	285 29
Bonds and stocks	2,250 00
Real estate (banking house)	3,500 00
Furniture and fixtures	500 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	13,645 80
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	4 02
Cash items	528 61
Currency	2,248 00
Specie	2,213 05
Int. in depositors' guaranty fund	627 71
Total	\$ 89,019 03

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund	7,500 00
Undivided profits, net	1,907 00
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net	11 77
Individual deposits subject to check	68,931 02
Time certificates of deposit	620 50
Cashier's checks	48 74
Other liabilities as follows:	
Total	\$ 89,019 03

State of Texas, County of Wise.— We, Guinn Williams, as president, and H. T. Bridges, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Guinn Williams, president; H. T. Bridges, cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of July, 1918. E. P. Gibson, notary public, Wise county.

Correct attest: J. H. Golaz, O. L. Hartsell, S. B. Pearson, directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Chico State Bank
CHICO, TEXAS,
At the close of business June 29 1918

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 58,247 10
Overdrafts	125 00
Bonds and stocks	7,500 00
Real estate (b'king house)	1,250 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,635 00
Due from approved reserve ag'ts net	\$ 41,198 43
Cash items	907 56
Currency	5,049 00
Specie	2,609 31
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund	1,694 22
Other resources as follows:	
War Cer.-thrift stamps	537 93
TOTAL	\$120,753 55

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus fund	5,300 00
Undivided profits, net	3,076 44
Individual deposits subject to check	92,788 68
Time certificates of deposit	4,500 00
Cashier's checks	88 43
TOTAL	\$120,753 55

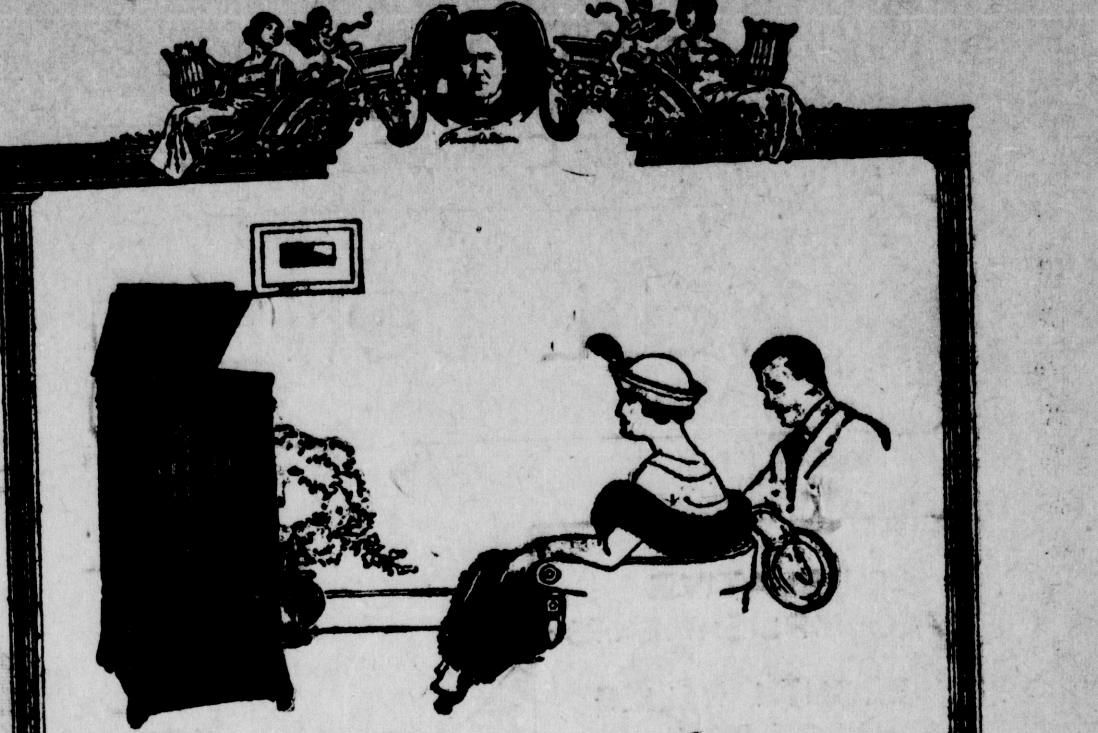
State of Texas, County of Wise.— We, B. O. Wilkerson, as vice president, and V. E. Baldrige, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

B. O. Wilkerson, President, V. E. Baldrige, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July, 1918. Frank W. Roberts, Notary Public Wise county, Texas.

Correct attest: J. A. McKenzie, Jno. J. Blanton, V. E. Baldrige, directors.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The state of Texas.—To the sheriff or any constable of Wise County— Greeting.

You are hereby commanded to summon N. Keen and the unknown heirs of N. Keen by making publication of this citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd. Judicial district, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial district, then in the nearest newspaper published in the nearest district to the said 43rd. Judicial district, to appear in the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur on the last Monday in November, A. D., 1918, the same being the 25th. day of November, A. D., 1918, and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 22nd. day of May, A. D., 1918 in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 4215, where in E. T. Noel, plaintiff, and N. Keen and the unknown heirs of N. Keen, are defendants and said petition alleged that on the first day of May, 1918 he was the owner in fee simple of the hereinafter described tracts of real estate, situated in Wise county, Texas, and enjoying the lawful peaceable possession of the same and was then at said time entitled to the possession of said premises and disposed the plaintiff same and now unlawfully withheld from this plaintiff the possession of the same to his damage \$3,000.00 that that said premises are described as follows: Being 160 acres of land out of section No. 40, M. E. P. & P. Ry Co. survey being public school land purchased from the state of Texas by N. Keen. SECOND TRACT—12 acres of land lying on the northeast portion of the above 160 acres described in deed from J. S. Grisham, attorney in fact to J. B. Crowley.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, W. V. Cunningham, clerk of the district court of Wise county. Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this the eighth day of July, A. D., 1918.

W. V. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk district court, Wise county.

Wagon Yard

I am running the Spain Wagon Yard. Plenty of good water, good cool stalls. I can save you some money on your FEED. I am also a licensed Auctioneer. I will go anywhere in the county and sell your stuff. Prices reasonable.

Tom McCracken